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SUBJECT: TERRORISM IN CORDOBA

1. THOUGH ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE NATIONAL POLITICAL CRISIS DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS OR MORE, TERRORISM HAS BY NO MEANS ABATED. THIS WAS POINTED UP DRAMATICALLY JULY 10 IN CORDOBA. AT THE 6 PM RUSH HOUR SEVERAL GUERRILLA GROUPS (OF 5 TO 6 MEN EACH) ATTACKED CORDOBA'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. ABOUT 20 STORE FRONTS IN WIDELY SEPARATED AREAS WERE DESTROYED BY HIGH EXPLOSIVES; LA PRENSA AND TELAM LOCAL OFFICES WERE FIREBOMBED WHILE TWO POLICE STATIONS WERE ASSAULTED WITH ANTI-TANK GRANADES. SPORADIC GUN PLAY CONTINUED UNTIL 8 PM. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE SEVERAL REPORTS OF SNIPER ACTIVITY. WHEN FEDERAL INTERVENTOR LACABANNE ENTERED THE CENTRAL CITY AND DECLARED THE SITUATION CALM ABOUT 9 PM, SHOOTING WAS STILL AUDIBLE IN THE AREA.

2. THE ATTACKERS SCATTERED LEAFLETS BEARING MONTONERO SLOGANS AND ASKING THE PEOPLE TO RISE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF ISABEL PERON.

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3. COMMENT: THE ACT PRODUCED NO POLITICAL RESPONSE
FROM THE POPULACE IN CORDOBA BUT COMING IN MIDDLE
OF PRESENT CRISIS IT ADDED TO NERVOUSNESS OF THE
COUNTRY.
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